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A Ministerial Giant.

REV. I. TOLIVER FROM THE
LONE STAR STATE

A Natural Orator Whose Eloquence has Won Over Thousands of Souls to the Kingdom of Christ.—Has Immersed Souls in the Three Greatest Bodies of American Waters.—The Great Success Attained as an Evangelical Worker.

Rev. I. Toliver the present pastor of Liberty Baptist Church, cor. 18th and E northwest, is well known by the great baptist family. He has traveled throughout the United States conducting meetings out of which 11,228 souls were brought into the Kingdom of Christ. He has baptized in the three greatest waters of America; the Atlantic and Pacific Ocean, and the Gulf of Mexico. His plain manner of presenting the Gospel never fails to save men. He has held special meetings in several Negro Colleges, from which nearly every student was converted.

President J. A. Booker, of Little Rock Ark., M. Wolverton, of Bishop College, Marshall, Tex., and Dr. Garnett, of Houston Academy, Houston, Tex., says he is above the average American evangelist, regardless of color. His fourth year's anniversary was celebrated on the third Sunday in April last, and the clerk's report showed that 1070 have been received in the church during his administration, \$21,795.28 has been raised, of which \$11,795.28 was raised by collections. This money has been accounted for in the building of our new church, through the hands of the pastor in an honest and proper way, with all receipts and bills on file, without question by the church.

The Liberty Baptist Church has never experienced, such rapid progress as has been its fortune since the advent of this good and noble shepherd. A banquet was tendered him by his church the Wednesday following his anniversary, which was an elaborate affair, graced by the presence of a large number of the pastors of the city. On that occasion very enthusiastic addresses were delivered by the co-pastors, doctors and lawyers who were

Men of the Hour.



MR. S. COLERIDGE TAYLOR.

The Great Anglo-African Musical Composer.—Author of Hiawatha.

present, at the conclusion of which a suit of clothes was presented him by a club of brethren and sisters of which Bro. A. Valentine was chairman. It was quite a pleasant surprise for our pastor, but he realized his labors were not in vain but highly appreciated by his members. If he would attend one-half of the invitations extended him throughout the country to conduct meetings, the Liberty Baptist Church would not get more than one week per month of his services. He is now writing a pamphlet entitled, "Pittfalls in the Path of Life." He makes no pretensions at scholarship, but believes that the Gospel is the power of God, unto salvation unto every one that be-

lieves. On the 20th ult. he read a paper before the Baptist Ministers' Union of this city, which carried the house in a storm of applause and was unanimously voted to be printed and given to the pastors for distribution among the churches.

On one occasion the Little Rock Gazette said: "No living man can surpass the sermon we heard last night." The Los Angeles Daily Times, says, "he moves men to laughter or tears at will, he is America's Black Moody." The Liberty Baptist Church is more than proud of its leader and pray that it may be the will of God to keep him with us until his career on earth is ended.

Back to Liberia.

SECRETARY GEORGE W. ELLIS
RETURNS TO AFRICA

An Interesting Review of the Career of A Bright and Eloquent Kansan.—His Early Struggles for an Education And His Brilliant Achievements.—His Entrance into the Political Field And Advent in Army of Federal Office Holders.

Hon Geo. W. Ellis, the efficient Secretary of the Legation of the United States, at Monrovia, Liberia, has lately been visiting Washington, renewing old acquaintances and enjoying a brief respite from official cares. His leave of absence from his posts of duty will expire near the close of this month, and the fact will afford him the pleasure of returning to Africa in company with the Hon. Ernest W. Lyon, the newly appointed Minister resident, who contemplates leaving for Liberia early in June.

Mr. Ellis is a product of the the great state of Kansas and a fine example of the results produced by her magnificent educational system. He has taken no short cuts. He has made no brilliant fights, too often achieved at the expense of soundness and thoroughness, but has proceeded step by step, and grade by grade, from the primary school to the honors accorded to her distinguished sons by the state's highest institution of learning. During the period which elapsed between his graduation at the high school, at Atchison, Kansas, and his matriculation at the State's University, Lawrence, Kansas, Mr. Ellis took up the study of law and completed it, thus arming himself anew for his struggle with the difficulties which attend the quest of the poor man for higher education. Even the honors showered upon him at the University did not satisfy this soul, hungry for the heights of profound learning and the true philosophy of life and solicitous that in his communion with nature and with the things which tell their highest forms should appeal to his comprehension, he sought other springs of living truth. Kansas did not afford them and he turned east-

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